

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Lumane Pluviose-Claude, Deputy City Manager and Emergency Manager



Date: April 28, 2015

RE: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE WHOLE COMMUNITIES APPROACH TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITIES ORGANIZED TO RESPOND IN EMERGENCIES/NORTH MIAMI (M-D CORE/NM), TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY PLANNING, PREPAREDNESS, AND RESPONSE TIMES WHILE IDENTIFYING AND INTEGRATING THE EFFORTS OF A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF FAITH-BASED AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS, AS ORGANIZED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY UNDER THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt a resolution to accept the whole community concept in disaster management that accounts for people's spontaneous response to come together to support, recover, rebuild, and heal their community after a disaster. The whole community approach will help North Miami residents understand how to respond collectively, assess the needs of our community and determine the best ways to organize our local resources.

Miami-Dade Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies/North Miami (M-D C.O.R.E./North Miami) seeks to create a network of Faith-Based and Community Organizations (FBCOs) that can empower residents and provide a greater understanding of our community's risks and capabilities to manage any emergencies. By knowing North Miami's needs and the ways in which our organizations can help before a disaster can play a crucial role to assist and speed-up recovery.

BACKGROUND

In March 2011, Miami-Dade County Emergency Management partnered with a broad cross-section of faith-based and community groups in disaster preparedness. The Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS Center) was a catalyst for this effort, as part of their Building Resilience with Diverse Communities (BRDC) project.

Two years later, the "Whole Community" approach to emergency management was embraced and Miami-Dade Emergency Management branded the Miami-Dade Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies (M-D C.O.R.E.), that identified and integrated faith-based and community assets to prepare for disasters

Since 2011, Miami-Dade has solidly engaged 27 new network leaders who have committed their resources to be used as feeding stations, shelters, points of distribution, and spiritual guidance centers. This year, 46 new organizations have committed to explore the ways that they, too, can serve the community. These partnerships leverage more of the collective resources and further enhance the county's overall level of resilience.

This year, Miami-Dade County Emergency Management invites municipalities to engage in the whole community movement, and North Miami is the first municipality to accept the challenge. North Miami agrees to establish the Miami-Dade Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies/North Miami (M-D C.O.R.E./NM), a coalition of faith-based and community organizations that will help in meeting the immediate and long-term needs of the community when affected by a disaster. Our connections with local organizations, faith-based groups and with emergency management professionals will help foster communications and coordination, enhance preparedness, speed recovery efforts, and create a more disaster-resilient North Miami community.

Attachment:

Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE WHOLE COMMUNITIES APPROACH TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITIES ORGANIZED TO RESPOND IN EMERGENCIES/NORTH MIAMI (M-D CORE/NM), TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY PLANNING, PREPAREDNESS, AND RESPONSE TIMES WHILE IDENTIFYING AND INTEGRATING THE EFFORTS OF A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF FAITH-BASED AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS, AS ORGANIZED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY UNDER THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the *Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management: Principles, Themes, and Pathways for Action – FDOC 104-008-1*, was promulgated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Securities, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to, among other things, help preserve the safety, security and prosperity of all parts of our society from the harmful effects of natural and manmade disasters (“Whole Community Approach”); and

WHEREAS, on March 2011, the Miami-Dade County Emergency Management adopted the national emergency management initiative to advance the Whole Community Approach to emergency management systems throughout Miami-Dade County (“County”); and

WHEREAS, the County has embraced the whole community concept fostering innovative coalitions with faith-based and other community groups to prepare the necessary support, recovery and rebuilding efforts in response to the effects of a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, City of North Miami (“City”) administration respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council adopt the ‘Whole Communities Approach to Emergency Management: Miami-Dade County Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies/North Miami (M-D CORE/NM)’ to integrate with the County, the Whole Community Approach for the following purposes:

- 1) to increase the engagement and coordination of faith-based and community groups in disasters.

- 2) to create a social network analysis, known as “social network mapping.”
- 3) to take an inventory of the assets that key groups possess – infrastructure and human resources – that could be used in responding to a local disaster.
- 4) to determine of how to reach out, connect with and sustain involvement of diverse populations that maximize emergency preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find the adoption of the Whole Community Approach with the County to improve, on multiple levels, the City’s diligent response to a natural or manmade disaster, serves the public health, safety and welfare, and furthers the protection of both, private and public property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Adoption of Whole Communities Approach to Emergency Management. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby adopt the Whole Communities Approach to Emergency Management: Miami-Dade County Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies/North Miami (M-D CORE/NM), to coordinate efforts to enhance emergency planning, preparedness, and response times while identifying and integrating the efforts of a broad cross section of faith-based and other community groups, as organized by Miami-Dade County under the principles established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilwoman Marie Erlande Steril, MSW

_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)
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